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MOUNT VERNON AVENUE.

The "Birth Right" Going for a Mess of Pottage

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

I was glad to see in your last issue an expression of your opinion against the contemplated change in the charter of the Mt. Vernon avenue, by which the line of that road may be laid a mile or more west of the city instead of through Washington street.

I doubt not the sentiment of nine-tenths of the inhabitants of your city if it could be known would be found in accordance with your own view of the matter.

Only a few of the many of them with whom I have talked on the subject have expressed an adverse opinion. One of these was urged as a reason in favor of the change of the line—that removing it so far away would infuse new life into the old town and that it would grow rapidly out to meet the avenue. As well, I think, might it be urged, that the removal of the Potomac, if possible, a mile eastward of the present dock line would give a great boom to city improvement in that direction.

Mr. Fisher, in the common council, struck the key note of the real issue of the controversy when he said that the avenue if run so far west of the town would furnish a fine road to Washington and take off the trade which now comes in by wagons to the extent of \$60,000 a year.

It was my privilege to be present with you and to share in the spontaneous enthusiasm of the large assemblage of the citizens of Alexandria, and its vicinity, in the Opera House at the inauguration of the Washington and Mount Vernon avenue project. That was over two years ago, and it did seem then, judging from the earnestness manifested by all persons present, that the beginning, at least, of the construction of the road would be one of the realities of a very near future. But the obstacles in the way of the enterprise have been many and at times almost utterly discouraging to its true friends.

The death of the first president of the "association" was a calamity which has seriously affected its aims and prospects through the long time we have all been waiting for the dawn of success. In his plain common sense, his excellent business capabilities as well as his integrity against the influence of merely speculative interests, our people had confidence, and I believe if he had lived all would have gone well under his wise direction and that substantial and satisfactory progress would have been made in the enterprise.

Of one thing, I feel quite sure, from many interviews I had with him on the subject, that he never would have consented to such an unwarranted perversion of one of the most prominent ideas set forth and unanimously endorsed at the first meeting, as has been for some time contemplated and is now in process of accomplishment. Need I say that I adhere to the design of abandoning Washington street as a section of the avenue? With John B. Smoot, as with the entire assemblage at the first meeting, judging from the drift of sentiment publicly and privately expressed there, that direction of the prospective route was evidently a foregone conclusion and a *sine qua non* of the whole business under consideration.

And when the charter was prepared, it was so recognized, named and specified in that instrument; and for a long time nobody who was working in good faith for the measure ever contemplated anything different. But how is it now? A new charter has been prepared, in many particulars ignoring the clauses of the original granted by the Legislature and particularly that clause making Washington street a section of the road-bed, and granting authority also to change the entire line to at least a mile beyond the city limits, thus ignoring the claims of the old town and leaving it out in the cold altogether.

The reason of this unwise and unwarranted change in the programme is so apparent to every thinking man that no one ought to wonder if Congress, when the bill comes up before it asking for the necessary appropriations for construction, balks and makes long delay, until all the merits of the important case are fully canvassed and considered before committing itself to so large an expenditure as is required for the work. It was not so difficult a matter to secure an appropriation of ten thousand dollars for a preliminary survey, but when two hundred times that amount shall be asked for, members will be cautious. Naturally they will want to know all about the intervening lay of the land, the directions of the line of the road, and all the determining circumstances of the enterprise. And particularly will they want to know, how nearly it will conform to the original and all important idea of being an exclusively memorial project, and certainly they will inquire if speculators are interested in it or if it involves any boodle. The time has gone by for schemes involving the abstraction of millions of the people's money to be rushed through Congress in a hurry.

There are now too many objectors of the Holman type to make objections and effect sufficient delay for a full consideration of the propriety of an appropriation; and before ever there shall be a vote taken, doubtless a committee of members will be appointed to leisurely go over the entire grounds and to see for themselves not only all the natural possibilities for construction, but also to inquire into all the determining questions of local fitness in a memorial point of view. And this latter consideration constrains me to say that Alexandria was emphatically Gen. Washington's town. He had ever an abiding interest in its growth and prosperity, and it contains many objects which are intimately associated with and which remind us of his honoring presence and perpetuate fond remembrances of him. Here he attended worship in the fine old colonial church, still standing, a hallowed memento. Here he voted and came for his farm supplies. Here he commenced his great military career. So it would seem eminently fitting that the road which is to connect the national capital with his home and last resting place should traverse the street which he laid out and which bears his name. Not to secure, if possible, this important object, and to allow, by neglect of timely and well directed efforts the great thoroughfare to pass, by a route a mile or more west of the city limits, after from the many historic landmarks, merely to subvert the private interests of combinations and syndicates, would be a mistake irretrievable and forever after to be deplored, not only by the people of Alexandria but by all travelers.

This road was not proposed as a speculative venture in any sense of the term. Congress did not make its liberal appropriation for its survey merely to enrich any individual or corporation, and there should be no such unwarranted perversion of plans as are now sought to be made. As everybody is interested in having a broad, well graded and smooth highway for easy and expeditious travel, worthy alike of the great personage whose fame it was designed to commemorate, of the magnanimity of the American people who are to construct it, and of the admiration of the throngs of wayfarers from all the regions and climes of the earth who will in the long generations to come pass over it, so, I think, everybody should be as much interested in having it laid so as not only to command sights of as many as possible of the old colonial and other historic landmarks of the intervening country, and particularly of such as are linked with the life of our first President, but also to secure the most attractive views of natural scenery.

Washington street has a width of one hundred feet. It is almost level from end to end, and would be more than a mile of the road bed already constructed and fit for travel without cost to the national government. It is well built with slightly dwellings and would give the wayfarer a view of Christ Church edifice.

With the national capital, which is fast becoming through the magnificent provisions of successive Congresses, one of the finest and most attractive cities of the world, Alexandria ought to be connected by a grand roadway or boulevard equal to that of Pennsylvania avenue. Such a boulevard would naturally attract to the building by capitalists along its entire course, of handsome residences with beautiful surroundings, and would bring to our old Virginia town a large influx of permanent dwellers and visitors. So much briefly in regard to the route of the first half, or division, of the avenue.

In regard to the route of the lower half, or division, from Alexandria to Mount Vernon, I think there can be but one opinion with competent judges, whether they be practical engineers or not, after the lay of the land shall have been carefully looked over and all the topographical features are carefully considered.

At the northern terminus of Washington street lies Great Hunting creek, an arm of the Potomac. This stream has there a channel of less than one hundred yards in width and not more than five or six feet in depth, and might be spanned by a memorial bridge and a beautiful connection be made with the opposite Virginia shore, from which there is commanded a panoramic view of many miles in every direction, embracing the city of Alexandria, the monument, the dome of the Capitol, Seminary ridge, the broad expanse of the Potomac, and the picturesque shores of Maryland beyond.

From Hunting creek on down to Mount Vernon, a distance of seven miles, a route was surveyed and mapped out by Mr. J. E. Sickle, the chief of the surveyors of the avenue association, which, while it is very direct and lies almost entirely over nearly level and sufficiently elevated lands abounding in sand, gravel and rubble for the construction of the road, affords an almost continuous view of the charming scenery of the Potomac and passes through four miles of the old Mount Vernon estate.

A dozen different routes might be selected for the avenue, and by each one of them a broad, hard and smooth wheeling surface could be constructed, but beside these essentials, important as they are, something more is desirable for this great "national highway of the nation." Its way unquestionably should lie so as to afford to the curious multitudes of wayfarers who will throng it from all the regions of the earth sights of as many historic landmarks as possible of the great chiefdom who is to be honored by the enterprise, and of as many pleasing views of diversified natural and rural scenery as can be commanded.

It remains to be seen whether or not the citizens of Alexandria, in view of the efforts which are being made to amend the charter of the road so that it may be laid a mile away from instead of directly through their midst, as originally contemplated, will tamely submit without so much as a protest against a scheme which is to wrest from them their birthright without giving in return even so much as the mess of pottage.

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